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AN ACT

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Making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

Bureau of Federal Supply

Repairs to typewriting machines (except bookkeeping and billing machines) in the Government service in the District of Columbia and areas adjacent thereto may be made at cost by the Bureau of Federal Supply, payment therefor to be effected by charging the proper appropriation and crediting the general supply fund.

No part of any money appropriated by this or any other Act shall be used during the fiscal year 1949 for the purchase, within the continental limits of the United States, of any typewriting machines (except bookkeeping and billing machines and typewriting machines for veterans under public laws administered by the Veterans' Administration).

Each agency in the executive branch of the Government (which shall include all departments, independent establishments, and wholly owned Government corporations) is authorized and directed (1) to report within thirty days after the enactment of this Act, or by July 1, 1948, whichever is the later, to the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply the total number of typewriting machines in the possession or custody of such agency and the number thereof surplus to its requirements, and (2) to surrender and ship such surplus typewriting machines as the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply may direct. Costs of packing and shipping hereunder shall be charged to the general supply fund. Each agency shall furnish the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply such information regarding typewriting machines as he may from time to time request. The Bureau of Federal Supply is authorized and directed to receive and hold all typewriting machines surrendered to it hereunder and to distribute same to any of such agencies as the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply may determine. Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraphs, in the event the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply is unable to furnish any such agency with suitable typewriters out of stock on hand, he may purchase typewriters for the account of such agency: Provided, That the price paid during any quarter of the fiscal year for such typewriters shall not exceed ninety per centum of the lowest net cash price, plus applicable Federal excise taxes, accorded the most favored customer (other than the Government of the United States, or any agency thereof, and purchasers of typewriters for educational instruction purposes only) of the manufacturer of such machines during the six-month period immediately preceding such quarter.

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The Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply is authorized and directed at such times as he may determine to be necessary to survey and determine the number and kinds of typewriters which are at any time surplus to the requirements of any agency. Upon such determination the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply is authorized to direct, upon such notice and in such manner as he may prescribe, the head of any agency to surrender to the Bureau of Federal Supply any and all typewriting machines, surplus to its requirements, and such determination and direction by the Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply shall be final and conclusive upon all agencies, officers, and employees of the executive branch of the Government of the United States.

The Director of the Bureau of Federal Supply is authorized to charge each agency to which typewriting machines are supplied hereunder amounts equal to the fair value thereof, as determined by him, and such amounts shall be credited to the general supply fund.